

REMARKS

Claims 8-12, 16-19, 22-30, 33-40, 43, 44, 50, and 56-60 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

By this amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 8-12, 16-19, 22-30, 33-40, 43, 44, 50, and 56-60, amended claim 41, and added new claims 65-66. The amendment to claim 41 addresses a typographical error and does not change the scope of the claim.

Claims 1-7, 13-15, 20-21, 31-32, 41-42, 45-49, 51-55, and 61-66 are currently pending. Of these, claims 1, 20, 31, 41, 54, 63, 65, and 66 are independent.

A. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

By this amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 8-12, 16-19, 22-30, 33-40, 43, 44, 50, and 56-60. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

B. New Claims 65-66

By this amendment, Applicants have added new claims 65-66. Support for new claims 65-66 is found in the specification on pages 11 and 16, respectively.

Conclusion

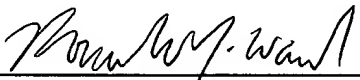
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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